

## Foreword

The present special issue deals with some of the most outstanding results of the joint meeting of the 2nd European Conference on Energy Performance and Indoor Climate in Building and the 3rd International Conference on Indoor Air Quality, Ventilation and Energy Conservation in Buildings, which took place in Lyon during 19–21 November 1998.

The objectives of the above conference were to provide an exchange of experiences in new developments and in practical applications to improve the quality of the indoor environment while maintaining minimum energy consumption, and to document the most recent advancements in the areas of indoor environment, ventilation and energy consumption.

The actual and possible impact of indoor air environment on health, comfort and productivity are becoming more widely recognised. The improvement of the indoor environment means an enhancement of the health, comfort and productivity, while reducing the energy consumption results in protecting the environment and preventing the global warming. Thus, there is a strong need to transfer this knowledge to those who design, construct, commission and operate buildings.

A large number of high quality papers were presented in the above conference and a widespread interest on its

specific topics was observed. This special issue consists of 14 of the most important articles presented in Lyon dealing with thermal comfort, daylighting, ventilation, energy consumption and environmental subjects.

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